

I agree with the FCC's proposal to remove the morse code requirement. It's about time that they step and do something that will benefit the hobby!

To continue testing for competency in use of one particular mode is ridiculous. If they require testing for CW they might as well have testing for other modes. It just doesn't make sense.

The gloom and doom types will always argue the "death of the hobby" when it comes to something they are sentimental about. Most of the pro code types are, no offense intended, older hams who think everyone should have to "because they did", or that it should be kept because it has always been that way. Another excuse is "tradition" in having it as a requirement. Oh please....

I could care less what the outcome is. I will still enjoy operating weak signal above 50Mhz. If I get HF privileges by taking the General written or whatever the requirement will be after the code is removed the most I see myself using it for is checking into the local nets. I'm not a contester, and the most use I get out of the radio is chatting with the locals while mobile, or communicating with family members via the local repeater.

But, despite that, I don't want a handout of higher privileges. I do want to take and pass a written exam to move upward, but the code requirement is just ludicrous.

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